

SAINT MARY 21, 2024 | Third Sunday of Ordinary Time



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY, CENTRALIA & ST. MARY, MT. VERNON

WELCOME

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Mary, Centralia

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00pm* Sunday Mass: 10:30am

*Live-Stream Saturday Vigil www.facebook.com/TimLFergPhotosStM

St. Mary, Mt. Vernon

Saturday (Vigil): 5:00pm Sunday Mass: 10:30am

RECONCILIATION

St. Mary, Centralia

Saturday: 3:15pm - 3:50pm or by appointment 618-532-6291 x307

St. Mary, Mt. Vernon

Saturday: 4:00pm - 4:30pm or by appointment 618-244-1559

SMS CALENDAR WINNERS

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024 Lenora Foster - Salem Phil Knowles - Beatrice, NE

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024 Lynn Featherling - Centralia Tina Altenbaumer - Centralia

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024 Cheryl Siegler - Centralia Melissa Schwartz - Centralia



Father Steve returning, January 26th. In an emergency please contact

Father Benny or Msgr. Darin

SAINT MARY PRIEST SCHEDULE					
Weekend Masses	4:00 p.m.	10:30 a.m.			
January 27th - 28th	Fr. Steve	Fr. Benny			
February 3rd - 4th	Fr. Benny	Fr. Steve			
ST. BLAISE BLESSING OF THROATS AFTER MASS					
February 10th - 11th	Fr. Benny	Fr. Steve			
February 17th - 18th	Fr. Benny	Fr. Steve			



PRESENTATION OF THE LORD **CANDLEMAS DAY**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

BRING YOUR CANDLES TO BE BLESSED

ST. MARY CHURCH 8:30 A.M.

Blessing of Throats Memorial of St. Blaise





Saturday, January 20, 2024 4:00 p.m. (Vigil) St. Mary Church † Roger Nostrum † Margie Pautler

Sunday, January 21, 2024 10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church † Frank & Alice Balsano

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:00 p.m. St Mary Hospital Chapel Healing and Peace †

Wednesday, January 24, 2024 8:30 a.m. St. Mary Chapel † Dr. Charles Fischer

Friday, January 26, 2025 (All School Mass) 8:30 a.m. St. Mary Church † Dr. Charles Fischer † Donald & Beverly Kelly

Saturday, January 27, 2024 4:00 p.m. (Vigil) St. Mary Church † Crucephine Pierson

Sunday, January 28, 2024 10:30 a.m. St. Mary Church † Jamie Balsano Martioccio

MASS INTENTIONS \$10.00
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH
OFFICE FOR INFORMATION 618-532-6291

WEEKLY MEETINGS

Sunday 9:00 a.m. PSR - Parish School of Religion (School)
Sunday 11:30 a.m. R.C.I.A (Parish Meeting Room)
Monday 9:00 a.m. - Mary's Merry Quilters (St. Lawrence)
Monday 6:00 p.m. - Bible Study (Parish Meeting Room)

Please contact Prayer Chain Leader Mary Miller if you have a prayer intention 618-292-1229. If you would like to have an intention added or removed, or a visit from the Pastoral Team please contact the Parish Office 618-532-6291.

Requested Prayers

Blain Loll
Robin Cimera
Waylon Vick
Natasha Lang
Brian "Gooter" Gurthrie
Ruby Stratmann
Deb Steward
Mark Schwartz
Father Jim Dougherty
Those away at College

Serving in the Military Dylan Huether

Living in a Care Centers JoDene Nall Jane Greene Jeff Alig Nancy Herrera Shirley Kabat Red Schwartz

Deloris Meador

Bertha Huehne Clarice Moran Barbara Parrot Carol Orrell Betty Boxx Kay Gunther Mike Kennett Mike Taylor Jerry Grasher

Living at Home
Dolores Sanders
Mary Darin
Helen Guinzy
JoEllen Nannie
David & Ida May Guthrie
Barbara Francois

For the suffering In Ukraine In the Holy Land Throughout the World

Loretta Pedtke

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STEWARDSHIP

FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 14, 2024

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Envelopes	\$2,652.00
Online Envelopes	681.00
Loose Collection	191.00
Building fund	215.00
School Support	100.00
Altar Society Dues	120.00
Christmas offering	75.00
Solemnity of Mary	5.00
Donation	500.00
Mass	260.00
Total	\$4,799.32

MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY 6:00 P.M.



Whether you're new to the Bible, seeking to rekindle your relationship with the Word, or looking for a community to share in your spiritual journey, our Monday Evening Bible Study welcomes you with open arms. For additional information please contact Pete Donnelly.

Kaskaskia College Sprehe Scholarships

The Ralph and Bernice Sprehe St. Mary/Kaskaskia College Scholarship Trust applications are available for registered members of St. Mary Parish. These include the 2024-2026 Kaskaskia College Scholarships and the 2024-2025 Baccalaureate Scholarships. Baccalaureate applicants must be Kaskaskia College graduates who are attending or will be attending a four-year university. Contact Nikki Burmester to make arrangements for receiving an application.

call: 618-367-4565 or email: sprehescholarship@gmail.com

All signed applications are to be returned to Nikki Burmester at 1937 Dogwood Lane, Centralia, IL 62801-4419 or by e-mail at sprehescholarship@gmail.com no later than <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>March 5</u>, 2024. All applications must be signed, and those submitted by e-mail must be in PDF format.



FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S DFSK

Reverend Benny George

You are called to listen:

Month of January in the year has so much to offer. It leads us to new ventures and helps us to find something new for the future. For us Christians it started with the visit of the Wise men. They visited Jesus, Mary and Joseph at Bethlehem. They offered everything to Jesus and returned to their home. We find from the Scripture this week about Jesus as a grown up Man, the Son of God inviting people to follow him. Jesus is making a community for the future. They are called to walk with Him, learn from Him and even to do as He does.

Very often people ask, "How did you discern your call to be a Priest?" My response is that the call did not come on one day. When some people think of God's call, one of the ideas they have is like the story of Samuel or the disciples' encounter with God. So when they ask they expect to hear me talking about Samuel, Jonah or Peter like experience. My experience is such that I see God always working in my life and the lives of others in mysterious ways. He is not confined to any particular style of acting, but acts in different ways at different times in people's lives. Many of us can look back at our lives and see how the invisible hand of God took us through a certain direction to a destination that we are unsure of. When we listen He takes us to places where we will find fulfillment.

The entire Christmas season speaks about the art of listening and discerning. We read through the Scriptures about this great truth. Angeles coming to the Shepherds, Wise Men seeing the star and meeting Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Their returning home through another direction. Joseph going to Egypt to save Jesus. Simeon making the prophecy about Jesus in the temple. All these clearly express God's direction. So also when the disciples are selected by Jesus, we hear the invitation to listen. "I will make you fishers of men". The disciples understood their call and they left everything with a purpose and with a new decision in their life. We also can make a big difference in life by listening.

The Church is calling us today to celebrate the Word of God Sunday. On September 30, 2019, Pope Francis announced that the third Sunday in ordinary time be celebrated as "the Sunday of the Word of God". In hearing God's word the Church is built up and grows and in celebration God's Name is glorified among nations. May the Sunday of the Word of God help us to grow in religious and in intimate familiarity with the Sacred Scripture. Let us find time to read and reflect the Word of God and learn the direction God is giving to each of us. Let us make the Sacred Scripture sacred in our life.

Fr. Benny



MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP

Most Reverend Michael McGovern

January 8, 2024

Recently while flying on a plane, I was struck by the sight of numerous passengers trying to cram their bags into the overhead bins on the plane. The scene made me reflect about how often we try to

take too much with us when we travel. My own preference is to "travel light." What does it look like for us to "travel light" in 2024? I suggest that we begin by letting go of some of the baggage we carry with us through life.

First, let's drop the grudges we hold against people. Many of us can hold a grudge for a long time. In some cases we might even forget the source of the grudge, yet we still cling to it. How much lighter we will feel if we let go of the grudge and allow ourselves to move on from the original upset.

Second, let's drop our feelings of envy toward others. Too frequently we can fixate on what we don't have rather than be grateful for what we do have. Instead we may concentrate on the blessings other people seem to have and lose sight of the blessings God has given us. Let's let go of envy and be more mindful of the presence and action of God in our lives.

JANUARY SANCTUARY CANDLE ST. MARY CHURCH INTENTION

-Corinno & Anna Jettta Darin-

February 2024 Alan & Rosalie Thomas March 2024 Elliston & Garnier Families

April 2024 Michelle Lehman

May 2024 Ralph & Bernice Sprehe

June 2024 Henry, Dorothy, Theresa Verdeyen

Dr. Jerry Beguelin July 2024 Mary Ballagh August 2024 Gene Uhls September 2024 October 2024 **David Schwartz**

Dr. Avelino & Segundina Lazo November 2024 December 2024 Nall, Hollern, & Duty Families Henry, Dorothy, Theresa Verdeyen January 2025

February 2025 Alan & Rosalie Thomas

SAINT MARY'S CHAPEL INTENTION

- Jouisa Marcum -

February 2024 Craney & Crouse Families

March 2024 **Roger Holley**

Kabat & Tomaszewski Families April 2024 May 2024 Virobik, Held, & Cozadd Families

Hope Marcum Harbin June 2024

July 2024 Joe Marcum

August 2024 Gordon & Mary Louise Elliston

September 2024 Robert & Gary Kabat October 2024 Joe & Louisa Marcum November 2024 Holy Souls in Purgatory

December 2024 Richard, Michael, Megan & Jacob Neff

January 2025 **OPEN** February 2025 **OPEN**

To help cover the expenses of the candle, we offer the opportunity each month for individuals to dedicate an intention. A \$60.00 donation is requested. Please reach out to the Parish Office., to make your intention.

Third, let's drop what can be the heaviest bag we carry through life, anger. From childhood to adulthood, any one of us can experience feeling angry toward others. The source of our anger can be the hurt we experience due to being mistreated by people or when people mistreated our family members or those that we love. What would it take for us to let go of anger over the past? Can I look to Jesus to help me understand how I can live without becoming angry as much as I have in the past.

I encourage all our readers to "travel light" in 2024, so we can follow the Lord more closely and spontaneously. Let's strive to imitate Jesus in how we live today.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Bishop Michael McGovern

ST. MARY'S PARISH **CONGRATULATES CENTRALIA HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM!** ORPHANS:

THE TRADITION CONTINUES



Readings for the week of January 21, 2024

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30 Monday: Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20 Wednesday: Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18 Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34 Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41 Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Observances for the week of January 21, 2024

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday:

Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Tuesday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Wednesday:

Thursday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops Friday: Saturday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

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Welcome to St. Mary's Church

We want to keep in contact with you! If you are not a member of our parish family, or if you would like to receive the weekly bulletin in the mail please complete the below information and return it to the parish office.

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□ Add me to th	e quarterly Newslette	er mailing list.
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PARISH STAFF

OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. CLOSED FOR LUNCH 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CLOSED MONDAY)

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SACRAMENTS & PREPARATION

INFANT BAPTISM

Attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. One parent must be registered as an active member of the parish.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact the Parish Office six months prior to the intended date. Please schedule a date and time with Father Steve.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Please contact Deacon Dan Laquet or Father Steve. RCIA classes are ongoing.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & HOME VISITS

Anointing of the Sick is offered the First Friday and First Saturday of each month. For Sacramental Home visits please contact the parish office. In the event of an emergency call 618-532-6291 x307, for Father Steve. After hours calls go to his cell phone.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - PLEASE GET A REPLACEMENT IF YOU ARE NOT AVAILABLE

Date	Lector	Euch Min	Servers	Ushers	Greeters	Offertory/Gifts
27-Jan	Bill Broda	Dcn Dan Laquet	Griffin Knowles	Gene Gettinger	Ellen Stock	Mary Finckbone
4:00 PM		Jo Warren	Natalia Guerrero	Jim Opolony		Terry Bell
		Sr Andrea				LuAnn Pugh
		Bill Broda				
		Diane Uhls				
28-Jan	Doug Pahnke	Dcn Dan Laquet	Emma Burris	Tom Holle	Todd & Kim	Fritch
10:30AM		Pete Donnelly	Camden Williams	Tom Ballagh	Davis	Family
		Paul Mocaby	James Burris	Brian & Jaxson H.		
		Mary Miller				
		Braeden Williams				



Share Your Talents and Make a Difference! Join us as a Liturgical Minister at our Saturday Vigil Mass, Sunday Mass, or other services. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated. Volunteer today and bring your unique gifts to our community. For more information or to sign up, please contact the Parish Office at 618-532-6291 and ask for Vicki Laquet. Your contribution will mean so much. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve. *Blessings, Fr. Steve*



Are you being called to be a Permanent Deacon?

The Diocese of Belleville is hosting an informational meeting for men and their spouses interested in becoming Permanent Deacons. This meeting will take place on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 10:00 AM in the Undercroft of the Cathedral of St. Peter, 200 W. Harrison Street, Belleville, IL 62220.

The Office of Permanent Deacon is considering starting a new class of aspirants in fall 2025. Eligibility is extended to men aged thirty-three to fifty-six by September 2025. Men older than fifty-six may still apply but require special approval from the Deacon Formation Office and the Bishop.

The formation process is a five-year commitment, including academic studies conducted by St. Meinrad School of Theology, spiritual direction, and learning about the deacon's role. Participants are required to attend a three-day meeting once per month over the course of the five year program. Interested individuals should first discuss their interest with their pastor. For those unable to attend the initial meeting, another session will be scheduled later. This meeting is an opportunity to learn about the process and requirements for becoming a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese.



SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL TEACHER, ALUMNI AND PARISHIONER MANDI HARDING

In her years at our school, Mandi demonstrated an unwavering commitment to her students, nurturing their minds and spirits with patience and love. Her ability to connect with each child, to inspire and motivate them, was truly a gift from God. She was not just a teacher; she was a mentor, a guide, and a friend to her students.

Mandi's illness, though it brought

her life to a premature end, never dimmed her bright spirit. She faced each day with courage and faith, embodying the values we hold dear in our community. Her resilience and positivity in the face of adversity were a testament to her strong character and deep faith.

As we mourn the loss of Mandi, let us also celebrate her life and the countless ways she has enriched our community. Her legacy will continue to live on in the hearts and minds of all the students she taught and the lives she touched.

In this difficult time, I encourage everyone to offer prayers for Mandi's family and loved ones. May they find comfort and strength in the love and support of our community and in the assurance that Mandi is now at peace in the loving embrace of our Heavenly Father.

Let us all remember Mandi for the incredible person she was and strive to carry forward her spirit of kindness, love, and passion for learning in our own lives.

3º SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





DISCOVER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



Celebrating Our Faith Community, Students, Parents, Teachers, Parish Community, Vocations, and Volunteers

- Academics
- Character
- Faith

Join the Celebration of Catholic Schools Week! Experience the Spirit of Faith, Academic Excellence, and Compassionate Service. We Welcome Families, Students, and Community Members to Participate in a Week Full of Activities. SMS Catholic Schools Week Line-up

Kickoff 01/28 Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m. - Church

Tuesday - 01/30 All School Mass

Friday 02/02 Talent Show SMS Gym -TBD

And much more!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024 - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024



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